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"*Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless*"—Psalm 10:14.

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Rejoice with us, dear friends! the Alexander Industrial Building will be completed and made ready for the placing of its furnishings. How soon we shall receive money sufficient to place the necessary machinery in it, we cannot tell. The Lord's stewards will in due time answer this question for us. Are you one of His stewards, and is He speaking to you of this work?

Dear Mr. Boyd:—I find that total receipts for Support Fund during December 1902 were $2763.82, for 1903 $2629.20. Less receipts for furnishing rooms, $334.45 leaving $2294.75

Receipts this year for actual current expenses being very much less. So far this month, receipts are slightly ahead of last year, and if yours are so also, we may make up for December shortage, but if we only manage to hold our own, how are we to provide for the new inmates?

Yours very truly,
P. M. Brown, Treas.

[There is no information in regard to the Orphans' Home that can be laid before the Churches more important than what is contained in the above. Answer that question of the Treasurer, brethren.]

We have the pleasure of laying before our readers the sermon Rev. H. G Hill D. D. preached before the Synod of North Carolina at its last meeting in Wilmington. It will repay you richly not only to read it but to ponder the truths presented in it. The views presented are the correct wiews of orphanage work, and should be carefully studied by our people.

We were shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Rev. R. E. Caldwell D. D., the beloved pastor of the Winston Church. He was a devoted friend of the Orphans' Home, and on a recent visit charmed children and managers by his sunny disposition and cordial manners. We are bereaved in his death, and his sorrowing people have our deepest sympathy.

The order of the day among our churches for Christmas celebrations in their Sunday schools this year seems to have been the making of gifts to the Orphans' Home. Among the entrance fees charged we notice potatoes apples, oranges, tomatoes, towels, stockings, and on some of the trees there seems to have been found hams, whole boxes of cheese, sacks of flour, sugar and rice and buckets of candy etc. One Sunday school class made a present of a copy of Our Fatherless Ones for six months to every family in the congregation not already taking it. Some of these had also arrangements for gifts of cash, and in the case of the Fayetteville Church this amounted to $30.00. Just as we go to press the account of this school's celebration comes to hand enclosing a copy of the cheery invitations written in rhyme. Had we sufficient space left we would take pleasure in letting our readers see it. This was a "stocking party" and they send us 230 pairs of hose.

PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANS' HOME,

BARIUM SPRINGS, N. C.

REV. R. W. BOYD, . . Superintendent

An Institution of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina for the Care of Orphan Children.

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Mrs. M. M. McKinnon of McColl, S. C. has given one thousand dollars to endow at the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music at Red Springs the D. P. McKinnon Scholarship for the benefit of orphan girls entering that Institution from Barium Springs or others of her selection. This is the inauguration of a scheme of unlimited possibilities. It is not expected that all children who find admittance to the Orphans' Home will desire or seek a collegiate education but it would be surprising if among so many constantly associated with educated people there would not be found hungry minds, craving the mental food that can best be supplied in college halls. These boys and girls will be willing to put forth every effort within their power, submit to any self denial and endure any privation if only they may gather fruit from the tree of Knowledge. For some of these girls that D. P. McKinnon Scholarship will provide and as time goes on the Church and the world will see the rich returns from this wise and benevolent scheme of Mrs. M. M. McKinnon.

We should greatly rejoice if we could see a like provision made at Davidson College for mind-hungry orphan boys. Already through their own efforts and the kindness of a few friends three of them are there—two in the literary and one in the Medical College and their teachers bear testimony to their worth. We shall have another as promising as any of these ready for entrance next fall.

Now if some wise and benevolent person of means wishes to bless the world and honor the Master let him endow a schol rship at Davidson for the benefit of the aspiring and promising boys of the Orphans' Home.

All honor to Mrs. McKinnon for her wisdom and benevolence.

A hard task falls upon the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home when he has to select between numerous applicants for a single vacancy in the Orphans' Home, but more trying still was the task of selecting the sixteen children long kept in waiting for places when the Anna Stamps Howard Memorial Building would be opened. More than a dozen had already been crowded into other buildings to await the opening, but sixteen remained to be chosen and there were about four applicants for every available place. Disappointment had to come to so many that we could heartily wish the duty of choosing had fallen upon another.

When tempted to think that your gift is too small to be sent to the Orphans' Home, remember that money goes a great way here. For instance, the expense last year of board, counting all provisions bought or donated, all expenses of the farm and dairy, also the salary of the farmer and the manager of cooking, and charging the cost of the board of all the matrons,

teachers and superintendent to the children, averaged $31.47 per child, or $2.62¼ per month. Of course this counts all the products of our farm, garden and dairy at what they cost to produce them, and not at the price they would have commanded on the market. So the daily board of a child actually costs less than nine cents a day, and a contribution of nine cents provides for board and preparation of it, for one child for one day.

Again the school expenses, counting salaries of teachers and cost of books, was $7.86½ per child for the year, or 87½ cents per month per child, or a little over 4 cents a day per child. So then four children that go to Sunday school and each give a penny to be sent to the Orphans' Home they pay for one day's tuition of a child.

The matron's care of a child at the Orphans, Home costs per child $3.00 a year or 25 cents a month.

Just think of these things a little. Where could you send a child to a most excellent graded school, provide books and have the teacher preside over the evening study hour where the lessons are prepared for the following day, all for 87½ cents per month?

Suppose the mother was paid for everything she did for her child for a month, what would be the cost? Twenty-five cents will provide a mother's care for one child for one month. Surely the children will want to see that the quarters are not lacking. Perhaps more quarters would bring bettter, stronger "mothers" who could so much help their little orphan charges to be good. The matron of a cottage lives nearer the children, comes in closer contact with them than does any other member of the faculty. Her qualifications for the work should be the very strongest and best.

The funds of the Orphans' Home should be spent wisely, but the Presbyterian church wants to do the very best possible work, and the cheapest is not always the most economical. Shall we not all see to it that the money needed for progress in our orphanage work is forth coming? We can't stand still: we dare not go backward.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I enclose check for $5.42, December collection of Sunday School. Either I or Dr. Gray, (church Treasurer) will send you check for $5.00 a month for the next twelve months to care for one orphan. This comes from ten men most of whom are unmarried and think they ought to have a share in the "rising generation." It is an experiment for twelve months. I hope they will get in the habit and keep it up! With sincere regards,

Yours cordially,

W. J. Martin.

Glad tidings to us! One more orphan assuredly provided for, at least for a year. Can't you almost hear our sigh of relieved satisfaction? There is good hope too that it will be long continued for when Davidson begins a thing she goes on improving it continually. See her monthly Sunday school collections.

This is the second Society of men to give regular monthly aid.

The Mens' Orphans Aid Association of Salisbury is the first Society of men to give the orphans systematic aid. It provides for two of our orphans sending as regularly as the month comes $10 to that effect.

Yes, this letter holds much to encourage us. We believe this is just the beginning of systematic aid from the men of our church Our Ladies Societies have from the first clothed many of our orphans.. While our men have not taken hold of the work in this particular way we are sure that when they see what wonderful things systematic giving can accomplish they will not be one whit behind the Ladies Societies. Twenty new children! Formerly only 130 orphans. When this reaches you 150 will look to us for all that a tender father provides his own little ones. Do you wonder then that there is rejoicing with us when it is said, "We will stand for the support of one of our orphans."

Don't be afraid that there will not be enough orphans to go around, for all of you men who may contemplate beginning a like society of your own. It takes $5.00 per month to provide for one of our orphans. Few of our five dollar bills can be used more satisfactorially.

Besides giving the orphan himself a thoroughly good christian training and education you remove a heavy weight from him who stands in the fathers stead to his 150 children. May the great and good Father speedily send us many like helpers.

Read what our Hebrew friends are doing for their orphans in Atlanta. Can we not learn some lesson from their generosity? It strikes us that the plan of having ones life insured for the Orphans Home is a very good one. Wonder if any of our Presbyterians have ever thought of making such an investment to benefit our orphan children who have no one to think how they shall be trained and provided for. Would it not be pleasant to feel that even after we had passed away the fatherless were receiving benefit and being better prepared for life by a thoughtful investment made by us.

We know of one life insured for the Orphans' Home and hope there are others or since this idea has been brought to your attention there may be many such investments made.

We have given a careful reading to the 14th Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Orphans' Home, Atlanta, Ga., one of the neatest cleanest, best arranged institutions for orphans in the South. From personal observation we heartily endorse this item in the report of the chairman of the Local Board:

"In closing my report, gentlemen, I desire to say a few words in behalf of the man who is in charge of this Home. He is a man of sterling qualities. His efforts are unceasing and untiring. The results he accomplishes are marvelous. His executive ability is wonderful. We are indeed fortunate in having the services of such a man as Mr. R. A. Sonn."

The amount spent for maintenance fund last year was $12,388.40. The number of inmates was 70. The per capita expense was $175. No denominational institution would dare spend that much on their orphans. And yet some people pretend to speak of the Jews as stingy. Take them as a whole they are ahead of even the the Presbterians in liberality. They care for their own and do it well. The Institution is being supplied with a printing press. The children attend the regular Sabbath school of the Temple, and attend also the public schools of the city, several being

students at the Technological school and one at the Athens University. They enjoyed the best of health throughout the year. One cannot read this annual report without receiving from it a thrill of enthusiasm. It is exact, business like, minute in its details, and it covers the whole ground. But there is also a spirit of earnest purpose, and a common zeal that leads to the thought—"Behold, how these Hebrews love their orphans."

As an illustation of the liberality of the brethren, 49 prizes (cash) were given at the 14th Anniversary to the 70 children. These prizes were all of $5 & $10 gifts aggregating about $350. One gentleman in his zeal, paid $10 for "the children who received no prizes." On the whole, this Hebrew orphans' home is an object lesson of liberal giving and makes ore wonder that these brethren should still complain that they are cramped for means. A whole page of names of friends are given, each one of whom has insured his own life for the benefit of the institution. They give while they live, and dying, still they give — Our Monthly.

Miss Carraway, the principle of the school at the Orphans' Home and her sister Miss Daphne, a former teacher here, now teacher in the graded school of Wilson, gave material for sash curtains for the Howard Cottage. The devotion and spirit of generosity to the institution by our faculty is beautiful. No others can know the work as do these helpers of ours. If they who know it so well give and long to see the work grow, are outsiders not safe in investing their money to make well equipped men and women of the fatherless of our church? Our faculty is a body of wide awake intelligent people whose judgement is worth somethin .

I think we may get another good idea from our Hebrew friends work for their orphans at Atlanta. The prizes offered must be quite a stimulus to the little people to put forth their best efforts. Now we believe in doing right for rights sake but if a debator's medal and an orator's medal or a laurel wreath have been and are incentives to full grown men to do their best could there be any harm in striving to place before our orphans incentives that would spur them to greater efforts?

In teaching children everything else it is exc edingly important to teach them money value. That is peculiarly hard to do in an institution like ours. Could prizes be amiss for the following named achievements, scholarship, promptness, housekeeping, cooking, neatness in person and work, accuracy in type setting, good laundry work, good farm work, uniform politeness, dispensing sunshine, etc?

Hickory, Graham and Lawrinburg sent the cakes for Christmas, and such cakes! The very best. If the donors could have known the happiness this thoughtfulness gave our little people they would have felt amply repaid for all the trouble they had in making the toothsome dainties. No one better than the mothers know how to make the little ones happy.

The Davidson College friends must have known how fond is our household of soup. My! what nice soup and how much of it will all those 216 cans of tomatoes will make.

The First Church Greensboro, proposes to put Our Fatherless Ones in every family of the congregation.

The First Church of Greensboro has a wide-awake pastor, officers, and congregation who are very zealous for the wel are of their orphans. This good news puts new life into our efforts on Our Fatherles Ones, It makes us feel that what we are trying to do is worth while. There is much human nature in the best of us. We shall ever strive to do our duty, but after all our strenuous efforts to make the paper, it is very discouraging to feel that only two thousand pairs of eyes will see it, all of those perhaps may not read it, when the thirty-six thousand Presbytians of the State should see it. If the paper is not what you would have it to be help us to make it so by giving us a longer subscription list. Friends, of the First Church, we thank you. May your wise example be quickly followed by the three hundred and seventy-two churches of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina.

Young Workers. Very few of our old children were back for the holidays this year. As our boys and girls win success for themselves they find that claims on their time are more exacting, that as their duties and responsibilities increase it is much harder to find time for holidays. We are always glad to see our old children back at home, but we are also proud of them when they hold a position from which it is hard to be spared. We have a little uncomfortable feeling about the young man who can procure a holiday any time. The business that can afford many off days is not the business in which we like to see our boys engaged. To win success and keep in right paths there is nothing like steady employment to help one.

Their Works do Follow Them. Dr. Stamps, of Lumber Bridge, brother of Mrs. Anna Stamps Howard, writes that he will furnish the parlor in the Anna Stamps Howard Cottage. Mrs. Howard's cbildren will furnish the sitting room. This makes us very happy. Now our big sisters can have a cozy, homelike home. May God's blessing and protecting care ever rest on this family of fair maidens. May they ever be so trained that as they go forth into the world and by and by become home makers themselves, they may know how in a sweet womanly manner to make the home, hold the family together by being an inspiration to all that is noble, good and true. Though ever so humble, we hope they may ever feel that four walls can be made a real home by the right kind of a woman. In after years each of these little homes presided over by daughters of the Anna Stamps Howard Cottage will be added luster to the brow of that sainted womam. Truly our lives are not ended when our hearts are stilled in death, The example of Mrs. Howard's life will be an inspiration to many an orphan girl. We thank God for this life which is now and will through eternity prove a blessing to others and especially to orphan girls.

What Eight Girls are Doing. During the holidays Mrs. B. E. Arey, of Elmwood. brought her Sunday school class to spend the day at the Orphans'

Home. Our singing class know these friends well. For two summers they have been entertained most handsomely by Elmwood Sunday school. These friends are faithful workers. Mrs. Arey gave each of her class five cents from which to make money for the Orphans' Home. The result is a gift of $7.90 from the class, made as follows:

Mary and Maud Cowan	$1.20
Allie and Edith Arey	$2.65
Mary and Beulah Arey	$2.25
Mary and Ethel Summers	$1.80

This class is composed of eight girls from twelve to fifteen years old.

Last year they worked in the same manner and made $13.00. The gift this year is smaller than that of last, as some of the girls are off at school and others have moved away.

What fine financiers these little women are to make five cents in one year grow into such a neat sum. They always spoke of it as a little gift. Well, perhaps the money value is small, but, little girls, do you know that $7.90 lacks only $.06¾ of providboard for three orphans for a month. If eight little girls can feed three orphans (lacking $.06¾) for a month it is not a small thing. God bless you, children, you are early learning valuable lessons.

Little Joe's Church. December brought many good things none of which gladdened us more than the gift of $300 from the heirs of Mr. E. T. McKeithen of Fayetteville, for little Joe's Church. On Feb. 1st. little Joe will have been dead a year. In the issue of Our Fatherless Ones following his death, our people were told of the strange longing of this six-year-old child to build a church when he became a man. In the next issue something of his life was told. that was all, yet the hearts of our people were touched, and since then over $1,050 has been received and pledged for the church. Some good friends shook their heads in disapproval fearing that this would interfere with gifts to the Industrial building.

So much of the money that will go into little Joe's church comes from bleeding hearts, bereaved lives. In the gratification of little Joe's wish to build a house of God, in which His orphaned ones may conveniently worship, there seems to be a balm to the troubled heart that does not come from a gift to the busy work-a-day world where the "wheels go round" in the Industrial Building.

Perhaps friends noticed very little was said in the December number of Our Fatherless Ones in regard to providing Christmas cheer for our orphans. We believed our people did not need a reminder. It is disagreeable to be asked to do a thing when that is the very thing we had especially intended to do. Our confidence was not misplaced: our people gave their orphans a most delightful holiday season replete with good cheer.

Mr. Watts, as ever before, remembered his little friends at the Orphans Home at Christmas time. The result is a number of magazines for the reading room to be enjoyed all through the days of 1904. Santa Claus was also much helped in filling the Christmas stockings. In fact we believe some of our little fellows have Santa Claus and Mr. Watts somewhat confused in their minds, they hardly know "which from 'tother". It would be hard to say which they love best.

Our Fatherless Ones.

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HOW TO SEND MONEY AND SUPPLIES,

All money should be sent to Mr. P. M. Brown, Treasurer, Charlotte, N. C., but if corresponding with the superintendent, Rev. R. W. Boyd, Barium Springs, N. C., and wishing to inclose a remittance, the money order should be made payable at Barium Springs, as this is now an order office.

All supplies sent by freight or express will be stopped at Barium Springs if charges are prepaid. If charges are not prepaid, supplies should be sent to Troutman, N. C. To get supplies forwarded without charge, application must be previously made to general manager of freights through your local agent.

☞ Notice of all shipments should be promptly sent to the Superintendent.

HOME HAPPENINGS.

Every one was in his place when school opened on the fourth.

The fine weather during the holidays added greatly to our pleasure.

What a time we have had waiting for the beds for the Howard Cottage.

All our teachers were happy in being able to spend their holidays at home.

So many of our tots were remembered especially by their "clothing people."

Our matrons found their Christmas joy in making home happy for our children.

How good it is to hear the sound of the hammer again in the Industrial Building!

It has been decided to place the water tank in the tower of the Industrial Building.

Such a good time every one did have during the ten days set apart for rest and Christmas joys!

How we rejoice to see the New Year bring renewed efforts on the unfinished Industrial Building.

A gentleman writes to know if any of our former printer boys can be secured. They are al holding good jobs.

When the good things from Greensboro reached us on January 7th we almost thought Santa Claus was on a return trip.

Miss Kate Templeton, of Mooresville, has very kindly come to our aid, and is taking Miss Cromartie's place until she returns.

We regret so much that one of our teachers, Miss Margaret Cromartie, is detained from returning to us, because of sickness.

We are so glad to see Florence and Nola Murray out among the other children. They have been quite sick for such a long time.

Ours is a Christmas that will last until Christmas comes again because of the large number of magazines Mr. Watts has placed on our reading room tables.

We have also said good-by to our late morning nap, and our plays at night. Even the game of flinch, so popular durthe holidays, has been almost forgotten by many.

Every one of our children even the smallest must help us with the new children who are coming to us. This can be done by kind consideration and a good example.

Ben Turner, one of our boys who has served so faithfully on our farm left us recently to join his brother Sylvan, in Mecklenburg county, where they will work in a dairy.

After each successive holiday season there is a feeling of deep gratitude to God for His care. Though many restraints are removed no accident has befallen any of our boys or girls.

So much danger seemed to threaten us from open fire places that heaters have been put in some of the cottages. This saves fuel and gives better heated rooms, with also greater safety.

The return of our teachers a day or two before time for school to open made us feel that the new school year would

not only open promptly, but with abundance of work for us to do.

After enjoying the privilege of sleeping late during the holidays, it seemed right hard for some of us to get to breakfast on time, but when late being required to retire immediately after supper seems to help in that matter.

Pull down the holly and mistletoe, open the school room doors, bring out the needles and the ironing boards, the saws and the axes—every one has had a merry time, and all are ready to go back to work with renewed energy.

Miss Annie Dupuy Martin of Winston has charge of Annie Louise Cottage. The little girls are perfectly delighted with this new "mother" of theirs. Our household is pleased to have such an attractive cultured woman as is Miss Martin added to our corps of helpers.

No longer do empty windows stare in ghastly emptiness at us from the Industrial Building, for the sash and glasses have been put in. If the girls could only get into a comfortable house to do their laundry work before they have to endure all the cold weather of January and February we would rejoice.

Necessarily it is a busy time preparing to move into the new cottage. Some of our families are right much torn up to form this new family, some tears are being shed, but never mind it will all be right by and by. You will soon lovethe new home and new "mother" as much as you did the old.

The Westminster Sunday School of Greensboro gives a dollar to all of the children who attend every Sabbath in the year, for their faithfulness. Little Mary Dimock Murray only six years old attended every Sabbath in 1903. When she received her dollar, she of her own accord went to her father handing him the money and said, "Papa, I want to give this to the little orphans who have no papa to work for them and I want you to send it to them for me and tell them I sent it." You are a trump, little Mary Dimock. I'm sure all these little boys and girls who have no papa to work for them nor to ove and pet them nor feel proud of them and praise them, think so too.

HONOR ROLL.

First Grade.

Jim Gray, Annie May Fehrman, Julia McKee, Carey Law, Fletcher Murray.

Second Grade.

Winnie Curry, Lawrence Ferguson, Janie Gilliand.

Third Grade.

Nannie Curry, Esther Justice, Fairy Hamilton, Margaret McGilvary, Inez Gray, Marguerite Porter, Minnie McConnell, Lizzie Sharpe.

Fifth Grade.

Hettie Murray, Margaret Martin, Neil Powell. Ernest Creason, William Hundley, Hayden Justice

Sixth Grade.

Warren Brown, Lockamy McLean, Myrtle Austin, Claude Creason, Annie Fite, Herbert Deaton. Nyda Cooke, Coline Austin, Zella Bradford, Kate Simmons.

Seventh Grade.

Emma Sossamon, Hugh Powell, Ellie Hoover, Bertha Beatty, Lee Cosby.

Eighth Grade.

Vivian Douglass, Duncan McLean, Minnie Lineberger, Clarence Gilbert, Carl Wortham, Lewis Smith, Harry Clanton, Zula Turner.

Ninth Grade.

Bessie Reynolds, Lottie Fite, Mary Gilbert, Ada Herron, Edna McConnell, Lelia McDaniel, Beulah Bradford.

Tenth Grade.

Marianna Mann, Colin McLean, Carrie Powell.

Special Students.

Lula Mann. Della Cooke.

Our little people can testify that the candy made in Wilmington is of the very best—so fresh and nice. Both last Christmas and this they had a gift of this candy from the Orphanage Society of the First Church.

Hot beds have been made and some seed put into the ground. To fill the 150 mouths our farmer has to be "doing" early and late.

Mr. C. W. Worth wreathed the faces of our household in smiles by the gift of a barrel containing three hundred oranges, two apiece for the bairns.

GOD'S WARDS.

A Sermon by Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, Delivered before the Synod at Wilmington.

Psalm 68:5, "A Father of the fatherless and a Judge of the widow is God in his holy habitation."

According to the Scriptures, Jehovah sustains a near, and tender relation to the destitute and orphaned. It is writen, Ps. 10:14, "Thou art the Helper of the fatherless." Hos. 14:3, "In thee the fatherless findeth mercy." Jer.40:11, "Leave thy fatherless chilchildren, I will preserve them and let thy widows trust in Me." But if the Lord pledges Himself to provide for the helpless and destitute, He employs human agents to accomplish His purpose—sometimes He uses individual efforts, He incites benevolent persons to take care of the fatherless in their homes, or to found institutions for ministering to their needs. At times He causes civil government or the state to make provision for these helpless ones. Indeed as the state cares for the criminal, the unfortunate, the diseased, the insane, the deaf, the dumb and the blind it is rather surprising that it does not make more ample provision for nourishing its orphan children. These are certainly the most helpless and by proper care may be rendered valuable members of society. But God also causes the Church to provide for the fatherless reared within its pale. In our day every branch of the Church is beginning to recognise this obligation. Christianity has an earth work as well as a heavenward side. It not only prepares men for heaven glory, and eternity but for earth service and the occupations of time. Genuine Christianity is the author of the highest civilization. The converted savage adopts the usages of civilized life. Father Lindley, of Natal, Africa, affirmed, "that when a heathen decided to accept Christ, he came to the Mission and asked for a shirt." True religion is the parent of real philanthropy.—He who loves God must love his brother also. Hence, Holy Writ teaches "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Benevolent Institutions for ministering to the unfortunate are found not in heathen lands but in Christendom. They only flourish under the shadow of a pure enlightened Christianity. But if the Lord expects the Church to provide for the fatherless within its borders, what are the needs of God's wards, which His people should supply?

2. THEY SHOULD HAVE SUPPORT.

Their bodily wants should be properly met and this includes various needs.

1st. THEY MUST HAVE SHELTER.

They should be placed not in cabins or shanties, but in comfortable homes befitting the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. These homes should be constructed according to wise sanitary laws, essential to health, and development. They should be well lighted for light is needful to growth. They should be suitably heated for

well regulated heat is necessary to comfort and health. They should be properly ventilate for fresh air is essential to physical well-being.

2. THEY SHOULD BE FURNISHED NOURISHING FOOD.

They do not require dainties or luxuries. But they need ample provisions varied in kind, well prepared, and served, and suitable for rendering the body vigorous and well developed.

3. THEY SHOULD HAVE SUPPLIED ADEQUATE CLOTHING.

They need not rich or expensive garments, but they should have substantial clothing adapted to rendering the body comfortable and healthy, and fostering a due regard for cleanliness and comliness. The clothing of orphans should not be so scanty, as to produce discomfort or to prevent the changes needful to purity of person. Nor should they be made without proper regard to taste and attractiveness. Dress is a means of education and inadequate or repulsive garments leave their impress upon character.

4. BUT ORPHANS SHOULD HAVE EXERCISE.

This is as needful as shelter, food or clothing. They should have their physical organs frequently, and wisely employed. They should be daily exercised in work and sports. They should learn to work and should be encouraged to play. This is needful to their vigor and bodily dovelopment. Means for exercise in both directions should be amply provided. All the appliances for the physical support of the orphans in our Home cost about $6 per montn for each child.

But orphans have other needs besides those of the body.

THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN INSTRUCTION.—Their minds must be attended to as well as their physical frames. They must have teachers, school books, and appliances for teaching. They should not only have well trained teachers, organized schools and wisely-chosen text books, but they should have access to a good library if they are to become intelligent men and women. If it be asked what should orphan children be taught? —We reply:—They should receive the elements of an English education. They should be thoroughly taught all the primary branches. They should be rendered proficient in spelling, reading, writing, composition, English grammar, and arithmetic. The brighter pupils may be prepared to pursue higher studies in institutions open to them.

Tney should be taught concerning Nature's objects. forces and laws. Material objects, and living beings should be rendered familiar. Most children are disposed to examine things that appeal to their senses, and natural history and philosophy are always attractive to them. With the subtile forces like light, heat, electricity, magnetism, etc. they should be to some extent acquainted. They should have some kdowledge, too, of the laws which regulate the operation of the forces and rerder them beneficial, or hurtful to human interests.

3. CHILDREN SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED IN USEFUL ARTS.

They should have imparted knowledge such employments as will make them useful in the home. Girls should be taught house-wife employments. They should be instructed in cooking, serving tables, laundry, making and mending garments, and in various

handicrafts, which serve to render her home comfortable and attractive. Boys should be taught horticulture, gardening, farming, dairying, stock-raising and mechanical arts.—

But an English education some acquaintance with nature and a growing knowledge of the useful arts do not exhaust the departments in which the young should be instructed.

4. THEY SHOULD BE TAUGHT MORALS AND RELIGION.—Their moral natures enlightened. The mind, the heart, the will and the conscience should be illuminated with the light of Divine truth. Upon this kind of teaching will mainly depend their temporal and Eternal welfare. They should be taught morals, or their duties to their fellow creatures in the varied relations of life. They should be instructed as to the Divine Character, will and the principles of revealed religion as they are presented in the Sacred Scriptures.—They should be made acquainted not only with the doctrines of religion, essential to salvation but with the duties they owe to God as Creator, Benefactor and Redeemer. A knowledge of these things lie at the very basis of moral character and human happiness. But children properly reared need something more than support and instruction.

THEY SHOULD RECEIVE TRAINING.—Training differs from teaching, though most intimately connected. In teaching, the instructor must be active, tho' the learner may be active or passive. In training, the faculties of the pupil must be vigorously exercised. The object to be gained in training is to cause the faculties to perform their functions with regularity, ease and efficiency. Bishop Butler remarks that "A man is a bundle of habits, and that the educated man is the one who has the greatest number of good ones."

Children need training of many kinds and in varied directions.

THEY SHOULD RECEIVE PHYSICAL TRAINING.—Their bodily organs should be exercised until they can readily perform their appropriate functions. The eyes should be trained to see and observe accurately; the ears to discriminate sounds, the nostrils to discern odors, the feet and limbs to move with ease and grace, the hands to manipulate with quickness and skill, and every member of bodily organism, to perform its assigned duty.

CHILDREN SHOULD ALSO HAVE MENTAL TRAINING—The powers of the mind need discipline as well as the organs of the body. The intellectual faculties must be exercised if they ever become efficient. The mind must be trained to attend, to perceive, to conceive, to imagine. to judge, to reason and remember. Indeed the highest result of a liberal education is not the information gained, but that subjection of the mental powers to the will which enable a man to concentrate his intellectual powers upon the work in hand.

BUT YOUNG SHOULD HAVE SOCIAL TRAINING—They not only have bodily organs to be exercised and intellectual faculties to be disciplined, but they are members of society and should be trained to social duties. Many a youth has encoutered obstacles in life for lack of social training and because he was never trained to be a gentleman. Children should

be trained to act as ladies and gentlemen in social intercourse, and never be permitted to be awkward, coarse, or rude in their treatment of others. They should have formed in early life habits of consideration, kindness and courtesy, and accustomed to act in the scriptural maxim, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man on the things of others."

BUT CHILDREN TOO SHOULD RECEIVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.—The old Jewish custom of teaching every child without regard to his parents' financial conditions, some trade or business, was a very wise one. Every young person ought to be trained for a life-calling, or, should be proficient in some trade or art, or business by which a living can be secured if necessary. The aptitudes shown must determine the direction in which the calling should be sought. While this is a judicious course for all young persons, it is of prime importance to orphans who at maturity must depend upon their own exertions. Hence the Industrial Building in our Orphans' Home, where its inmates may be trained to employments which command support, it is an essential agency for rendering our institution efficient and successful.

FINALLY, ORPHANS SHOULD HAVE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING,—They should not only be taught the duties they owe to their fellows but exercised in their performances. They should be trained to deeds of industry, economy, kindness, benificence, politeness, and charity. They should form habits of truth, justice, self-sacrifice and generosity. They should bd given religious training in their duties to God. They should not only know what these duties are, but should be accustomed to perform them with fidelity. They should be trained to read the Scriptures, to engage in prayer, to observe the Sabbath, to sustain the Sabbath schools, to attend the Sanctuary, to honor God with substance, and by the service of song, and to uphold every agency by which the kingdom of Christ may be established and ex ended in the world.

By such support, instruction and training, Christian friends, we may not only render God's wards, intrusted to our charge valuable citizens of the common-wealth, but radiant imortals, whose citizenship is in heaven.

CASH RECEIPTS

DECEMBER SUPPORT FUND.

Albemarle Presbytery.

Churches.

Henderson	34.64
New Berne	50.25
Rocky Mount (add.)	3.00
Tarboro	36.00
Warrenton	5.70
Raleigh	109.60
Littleton	2 00
Greenville	5,00
Children of New Berne Ch	3.58
Atkinson Memorial	10.00
Washington	54.09
Cann Memorial	6.57

Sunday Schools.

Goldsboro	5.00
New Berne	2 35
Rocky Mount (add.)	75
Washington	5.57

Asheville Presbytery.

Churches.

Waynesville	1.60
Brevard	7.50
Hendersonville	4.35
Mill River	1.72
Preston	1.25

Sunday Schools.

Waynesville	1.00

Concord Presbytery.

Churches.

First. Ch. Salisbury	79.00

Troutman.....1.00
Elmwood.....1.00
Hickory.....40.13
Centre.....15.72
South River.....4.00
First Ch. Statesville.....47.96
Patterson Mills and White Hall Ch.....6.17
Mocksville.....8.25
Franklin.....6.25
Centre.....8.98
Children of Centre.....1.00
Back Creek.....5.75
Cleveland.....3.50
Unity.....12.00

Sunday Schools.

Marion.....2.71
Cannonville.....4.49
Rocky River.....2.83
First Ch. Concord.....13,57
Newton.....1.87
Lenoir.....2.29
Mary's Grove.....2.58
Davidson.....11.02
Siloam.....5.21
Taylorsville.....30.00
Mrs. B. E. Arey, S S. class, Elmwood.....7.99

Societies.

Orphans' Aid Association Salisbury..10.00

Fayetteville Presbytery.

Churches.

Gulf.....11.50
Sanford.....59.25
Red Springs.....48.35
Fayetteville.....97.47
Sardis.....1.40
Laurel Hill.....54.20
Aberdeen.....10.62
St. Pauls.....12.50
Maxton.....37.20
Laurinburg.....53.00
McLean's Chapel Miss S. S.....3.65
Bethesda.....32.78
Union Ch.....10.12
Oakland.....2.80
Duplin Road.....9.85
Gibson.....2.00
Centre Ch. and S. S.....13.70
McPherson.....3. 22
Young's Memorial.....3.00
Johnson Grove M. E. Ch.....17.00

Sunday Schools.

Smyrna.....6.43
Fayetteville.....4,12
Laurinburg.....3.25
Parkton.....10.00
Midway.....4.0
Antioch.....2.78
Manly.....5.15
Lumber Bridge.....2.34

Societies.

Covenanters Co. No. 72, Red Springs..1.50

Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Churches.

First Ch. Charlotte.....139.70
Mallard Creek.....23.35
Providence.....10.00
Sardis.....8,00
Poplar Tent.....4.50
Rocky River.....9.20
Montpelier.....8.77
Gilwood.....6.00

Sunday Schools.

Westminster.....5.00
Mallard Creek.....5.41
Providence.....7.18

Societies.

Ladies Aid and Orphanage, First Ch. Charlotte.....6.00

Orange Presbytery.

Churches.

First Ch. Winston.....10.00
Asheboro.....17.50
First Ch. Greensboro.....160.00
First Ch. Durham.....90.50
Mebane.....5.25
Wentworth.....2.10
Burlington.....37.27
Madison.....15.45
Westminster, Greensboro.....31.50
Hillsboro.....13.00

Sunday Schools.

Buffalo.....8.70
Burlington.....2.25
North Wilkesboro.....2.44
First Ch. Durham.....100.00
High Point.....5·00
Alberta.....2.25
Hillsboro.....3.16
Reidsville (add.).....1.00
Westminster, Greensboro.....4.74
Mt. Airy.....7.57

Societies,

Ladies Aid, North Wilkesboro.....50
Quick Workers, Graham.....6.45
Ladies Miss. Soc. Burlington.....9.45
In As Much Circle, Winston.....5.00

Wilmington Presbytery.

Churches.

Warsaw 10.00
Caswell 3.55
Peachey's 3.05
Burgaw 14.25
Pike Creek 6.35
Hopewell 4.50
Mt. Williams 4.00

Sunday Schools.

St. Andrews, Wilmington 5.00
Carr's School House 8.63
Kenansville 4.50

Societies.

Ladies Home Mission, Chadbourn 7.50

Individuals.

Friend 5.00
Name withheld 5.00
Annie Neill McLean 5.00
Y. W. C. A. Presby. College, Charlotte 6.95
J. C. Story 1.00
Mrs. J. C. Story 1.00
Joseph Story 1.00
Samuel Story 1.00
G. T. Matthews 5.00
Mrs. Lydia S. Culbertson 5.00
Mrs. Thos. Stamps 5.00
H. C. and M. B. Carr 1.00
W. K. Gray 12.50
S. A. White 1.00
Friends, State Hospital, Morganton 15.75
Rev. C. M. Wharton 2.00
Miss S. O. H. Dickson 2.50
W. H. Wooten 10.00
Mss. D. C. McNeill 5.00
Wm. H. Thomas and Co 5.00
Hellen Wilson 1.00
Wm. H. Pearson 10.00
Kate and Janie Graham 2.00
James P. Murphy 5.00
J. M. Wharton 1.00
"A. F." 10.00
Robert and Janie Fleming 1.00
W. K. Walker 25.00
Friend 25
Mrs. J. N. Buie 4.00
Burkemont Council No. 44, Jr. Order United American Mechanics 90
Rev. Walter W. Edge 60
Henry and Emmie Witherspoon 50
A Friend 1.00
Rev. B. L. Beall 1.00
E. Nye Hutchison 7.50
Nancy Kerr Brown 1.00
G. R. Bright, special 25.00
D. McL. Geachy 1.00

Building Fund.

Laundry.

First Ch. Greensboro S. S. 34.32
Mrs. W. U. McLean 1.00
Mrs. W. W. Robeson 2.00
Mrs. Wily 3.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rice 5.00

For Little Joe's Church.

First Ch. Charlotte (J. C. Burroughs) 50.00
Geo. F. Fence 1.00
Mrs. Z. V. Turlington's S. S. Class, Mooresville 7.50
Miss Fannie McBryde's S. S. Class, Sardis Ch. 3.00
Miss Lil Isabel Myer's S. S. Class, High Point 2.25
Heirs of Edwin T. McKeithan 25.00
Little Ramsaurs 50
Mrs. Hugh Parham 7.50

For Furnishing Rooms in Howard Cottage.

Asheville 3 97
Rev. Edgar Tufts 5.00
Westminster League, St. Andrews Ch. Wilmington 25.00
Dr. Thos. Stamps 40.00
Children of Anna Stamps Howard 60.00
Mrs. W. H. Sprunt 25.00
Monroe Ch. 25.00

Press Fund

Isabel Robeson 1.00
W. S. Moore 22.50
Mrs. W. W. Lasley 50
Mrs. J. H. Rice 2 00
Rev. J. E. Summerell 3. 0
Mrs. W. R. Kenan 50
Mrs. Mary A. Ripley 1.00
Geo. Blake 50
Mrs. D. E. Wells 0
Mrs. W. M McLean 0
Mrs. J. W. Knox 1. 0
Mrs. E. C. Dickson 50
Mrs. S. E. Toon 75
Mrs. Dougald Cameron 0
Mr. A. F Cox 0
Mrs. G. S Ramsaur 0
J. L. McLean 50
Jas. H. Greenlee 1.00
Mary S. MacDonald 2.50
O. B. Croom, Jr 1.00

Furniture and Fixtures.

Geo. W Watts 97. 0
Maxton and Centre 26.00

A friend who loves the orphans with his whole heart gave them the turkeys for their Christmas dinner. We wish you could have seen that well prepared dinner. The lady in charge of the culinary department was sick and the girls did everything without any direction. O we are proud of our girls!

Our teachers were all off for the holidays. The Superintendent likes to have his orphan children with him at Christmas time. Though a number of them had invitations to be away all remained at home and had a good time together. Of course the matrons were here, for at no time is it more important than during the holidays for the matron to be at her post of duty.

So many donations were received at Christmas that we fear with all our care an acknowledgement may not have been made to each donor. Friends, you know we are just as grateful to you as it is possible to be and if you have not had a word from us saying so, it is because in the great multitude of things to be done some things were inadvertantly overlooked.

When Larinburg had a Christmas tree an admittance of apples and oranges was charged and the fruit sent to our orphans who we are sure enjoyed it as much as did the Laurinburg children their Christmas tree.

A Lousiana friend who says he loves our orphans sent them a barrel beautiful northern apples for their Christmas dinner. He said that the children once divided their hickory nuts with him. The children have forgotten the incident but enjoyed the apples and wish they could thank their far away friend and assure him of their love for him.

At the Davidson Christmas tree an admittance fee of tomatoes and towels was charged and as a result a gift of 102 towels (so much needed) and 216 cans of tomatoes was sent to the Orphans' Home. That is certainly "killing two birds with one stone." Three cheers for Davidson.

Mrs. Jas. Sprunt of the First Church Wilmington purchased and trimmed with her own hands forty nice new hats for our larger girls. These she sent with the Christmas things from Wilmington, Our girls will enjoy wearing these hats very much. Mrs Sprunt has our most appreciative thanks.

Mr Brady has the thanks of the prospective Howard Cottage girls for a rocking chair. What a real comfort this easy chair will be to many a tired girl after the days duties are over.

Mr. Watts has placed in the Annie Louise Cottage good cotton-felt mattresses. We have found by past experience that these are the most economical kind of mattresses to use in an institution of this kind. We have had then in the Mrs. S. P. Lees Cottage from the opening of that building. and are placing them in Mrs. Anna Stamps Howard Cottage. We do not use expensive furniture, but we do use good bedding—something that can be easily kept neat and clean, and is comfortable to the weary sleeper.

The several cottages were all beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe, and other evergreens for Christmas.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

DAVIDSON, N. C.

The New Dormitory.

The erection and furnishing of this building mark the beginning of a new era of comfort and convenience in student life at Davidson. Although the exterior is almost severely plain, no expense has been spared to make the building a model in light, ventilation, and comfort. A fire-wall, without openings, divides the whole building into two halves, each with its own entrance and stairway, and each of these has three floors, with five rooms on a floor. There are thus no long hallways or noisy corridors, and only ten students on each of the six floors. Each floor has its own bath-room, with cement floor and walls, a shower bath with hot and cold water, and other conveniences. Thus a well appointed bath-room is within a dozen steps of every door of the building, and the bath-room and passage-way are heated by steam. A large adjustable ventilator over each stair-well ventilates the halls and draws air from each room through the transom over the door. The outside windows are very large, and have revolving transoms over them, affording easy ventilation with out interference from shades or curtains. A special floor ventilator, each with its own air-shaft to the top of the building, draws air from the bottom of each room.

All rooms are heated by steam, and each is supplied with one or two large closets, a book shelf, two single iron beds, and a well made set of furniture. Nor has the aesthetic been neglected. Each room is supplied with a picture shelf, six feet from the floor, extending around the entire room, in addition to the ordinary picture moulding near the ceiling, and the walls are tinted in delicate and harmonious shades of olive and green. All floors are laid in a bed of mortar two inches thick to deaden vibration, and the whole building wired for future electric lights.